GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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ALIGNMENT OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY NO. 31 AND 31 C
Baxla Shri Joachim

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the alignment of National Highway No. 31 & 31C has been finalized;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government is considering to change the alignment of National Highway No. 31 & 31C;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the details of proposed alignment of the National Highway?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) and (b) The alignment of NH-31 & 31C forming part of East-West Corridor under NHDP Phase II has not been finalised.

(c) to (f) Since the originally approved alignment of National Highway (NH) No. 31 and 31C under East-West Corridor in the State of West Bengal is passing through Wildlife Sanctuaries/National Parks, the Ministry of Environment and Forest/National Board for Wildlife did not approve the alignment. Therefore, it has been decided in consultation with National Board for Wildlife and Government of West Bengal to avoid the alignment of NH No. 31 and 31C passing through Wildlife Sanctuaries/National Parks. Accordingly feasibility study has been taken up to identify the new alignment.